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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Review of Project TAGBOARD

1. The attached paper discusses in detail the background for Project TAGBOARD and the various steps leading up to the directive issued by D/NRO on 4 June 1963 removing CIA from the management and technical monitoring role which had been delegated to it by the previous D/NRO on 17 October 1962.

2. Also stated are some of our reasons for earnestly suggesting that the Director attempt to reverse Dr. McMillan's decision of 4 June, perhaps as a part of his immediate concern over the future of CIA in the clandestine reconnaissance field and his present attention to the entire NRO/USAF/CIA interface on U. S. reconnaissance policy. Little or no technical information has been included in this report, since it was felt that the basic problem was one of management rather than aerodynamics and technical operation.

3. In spite of the 4 June directive from D/NRO, and until resolution of the broader questions involved, the DD/R will continue to function in the management and technical monitoring role forecast in Dr. Charyk's paper of 17 October 1962.

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